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 SUPPORT FOR USMTM DHAHRAN

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1. REFTEL (B) BEING REPEATED TO DEPT FOR ITS INFORMATION. DEPT SHOULD NOTE THAT, AS SUGGESTED MANAMA REFTEL, CHUSMTM FAVORS ASSURING HIS POST-WITHDRAWAL COMMUNICATIONS BY ESTABLISHING SEVEN MAN ARMY DETACHMENT IN BAHRAIN TO OPERATE PRESENT NAVY SHORE COMMO CENTER AS RELAY POINT FOR USMTM. DEPT SHOULD NOTE ALSO THAT CHUSMTM WOULD NEED SIX WEEKS TO ASSUME OPERATION OF COMMO CENTER HERE AND THIS PERIOD, IN TERMS COMIDEASTFOR'S PLAN TO CLOSE COMMO CENTER FOR HIS PURPOSES APRIL 1, WOULD MEAN THAT GOB AGREEMENT TO US ARMY PRESENCE, INCLUDING NEGOTIATION OF LEGAL STATUS AGREEMENT, WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED BY FEB 15.

2. WHILE TECHNICAL APPEAL OF CONTINUING TO SERVE USMTM'S COMMO NEEDS THROUGH EXISTING FACILITIES IN BAHRAIN IS UNDERSTANDABLE, ASSUMING FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION THAT GOB WOULD BE AMENABLE TO SUCH ARRANGEMENT, WE BELIEVE DEPT AND DOD SHOULD BE CONSIDERING DESIRABILITY AND LOGIC OF HAVING USMTM'S COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED IN SAUDI ARABIA. SUGGEST DEPT CONTACT DOD POLICY LEVELS IN THIS REGARD BEFORE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL LEVELS BECOME TOO ATTACHED TO THEIR PRESENT
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